(*c*) The members of the Administrative Board have equal rank and the question of seniority between them does not arise.

Expenditure incurred in 1101 without reference to the Legislative Council or the Finance Committee.

121. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a complete list showing the various items of expenditure, both votable and non-votable, incurred by the Government without reference to the Finance Committee or the Legislative Council during the year 1101 ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : A statement* showing the additional allotments sanctioned during 1101, under non-votable items of expenditure is laid on the table.

As regards votable items, statements of additional grants sanctioned under Section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation are being laid on the table at every meeting of the Council. A statement has been laid on the table at this session also.

Erection of a Church at Cheppad.

122. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to ascertain and state whether an attempt is being made by certain persons to erect a Christian church and cemetery in Survey No. 415 of the Cheppad *pakuthi*, Kartikapalli taluk, in contravention of the Government order prohibiting the erection ?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased, in the light of the happenings at Cheppad and other places in connection with the erection of churches and cemeteries, to cancel the provision in the Royal Proclamation on the subject which enables applicants for erection of churches and cemeteries to erect them if a reply from the Government is not received within three months of the application ?

(*c*) In view of the fact that the land in Survey No. 415, referred to in part (*a*), measures only about fourteen cents, and that the drinking water of the adjacent houses will be dangerously contaminated, if the land is used as a cemetery, will the Government be pleased to take immediate steps for prohibiting the use of that land as a cemetery ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The Government understand that the church was erected before the receipt of the Government order rejecting the application for the erection of the church with a cemetery attached to it.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) As the applicant did not receive the G. O. rejecting the application within 90 days of the date of its presentation to the Dewan Peishkar, he was at liberty to put up the church with the cemetery attached to it after the expiry of the period. The Government are not in a position to interfere with the statutory right of the applicant now.

* *Vide* Appendix I – pages 466 to 468.

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